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Trust team celebrate mission accomplished

Skelmersdale Prince's Trust Team 43 celebrate completion of their project at The Engine Rooms. Code1076624

MEMBERS of West Lancashire College's Prince's Trust team are celebrating the completion of their latest community project.

The students from Prince's Trust Skelmersdale Team 43 have undertaken a range of duties at The Engine Rooms community venue, including revamping the dining and bar areas, restoring bar stools and clearing out a storage area.

They also designed a collage of musical artists to place around one of the rooms at the location.

The youngsters, aged between 16 and 25, spent two weeks of their 12–week programme on the task. In the first week they were planning and fundraising for materials, helped by a £100 donation from Barclays Bank.

And in the second week they completed the task under the guidance of stand–in team leader, Ryan Formby.

Louise Roberts, Prince's Trust team leader, said: "The group did well, they pulled together and I 'm proud of their achievements. They cleared the storage room as an extra task and I think they made a big difference to the place.

"We chose to help The Engine Rooms as the venue is used by people with learning disabilities and employees there also do work to help the homeless."

BID TO KICK ANTI–SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INTO TOUCH!

FIREFIGHTERS at Skelmersdale fire station are teaming up with a professional football club in a project aimed at kicking anti–social behaviour in the community into touch.

The station in Tanhouse Road is set to host a new weekly football coaching programme for young people in the Tanhouse and Digmoor areas, alongside Wigan Athletic FC's Community Trust.

'Kicks' is the new Latics in the Community–led scheme that is being run for young people in Skelmersdale aged between eight and 17.

Report by **Henry James**

The sessions are free to attend, are open to both boys and girls and will offer football coaching, tournaments, volunteering opportunities and the chance to win tickets to watch Wigan Athletic play.

The scheme is being supported by Sport England, Skelmersdale Action for Youth, Lancashire Constabulary and Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's police and crime commissioner.

Station manager for Skelmersdale, Frank Robinson, said: "We are so pleased that we are able to participate in this scheme with our partners because youth intervention activities like this provide a fantastic opportunity for local kids to come along and participate in sporting activities that are free to attend and are in a safe and secure environment.

"There is an additional benefit for the agencies involved as it provides us all with a platform to show how we can support and help people in our community which is not as a result of our normal day–to–day work – such

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Champ's ditch the Pacers campaign gathers speed

THE Champion has launched a campaign to rid our railways of outdated Pacer trains.

And it's got the backing of both West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper and Southport MP John Pugh.

A growing number of passengers on both the Ormskirk to Preston and Southport to Manchester lines are angry and frustrated at the continued use of the much–maligned trains derisively referred to as 'boneshakers.'

The government had announced in their Autumn Statement in November that the Pacers were to be replaced by 'new and modern trains' but fears are growing that they will continue to be in use on routes in the region for the foreseeable future.

And rather than having new trains on the local routes it is being proposed to use converted former London Underground carriages.

Just recently, Vivarail Ltd, a company formed in 2012 to produce a new type of rolling stock designed specifically for local rail services, announced they are converting former London Underground D78 rolling stock into D–trains, with the body shells turned into lightweight diesel–electric passenger trains which would be ready for use by the end of this year.

And bidders for the Northern franchises which are going through their renewal process – including current operators Northern Rail – are expected to put forward plans to replace some, but not all, of the Pacers with the converted stock.

That means the hated Pacers could still be used on routes serving passengers in Sefton and West Lancashire.

Now the Champ has joined angry passengers in calling for them to be sidelined for good.

Southport MP John Pugh, who has long been vociferous in campaigning for better rail services, said: "The Champion throwing its weight behind the campaign to get rid of the Pacers is fantastic news.

"The Southport Rail Transport Forum are already e–mailing MPs in the areas effected, talking to potential new operators, ministers and rolling stock companies – as well as engaging local businesses.

"But nothing can bring all that pressure together like a local campaigning newspaper."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper said: "I'm delighted to support the Champion in campaigning to rid our rail services of the outdated Pacer trains. Our commuters deserve a better deal when it comes to local rail services.

"The refurbishment of the London Underground stock will see 30–year–old trains replaced with 40–year–old trains. That, to me, is not new and it's not modern.

"There is not enough stock either to completely get rid of the Pacer trains. Now we find out as well that companies bidding to operate the Northern rail services will not be required to deliver modern and better quality trains.

"West Lancashire commuters are being hit with massive hikes in rail fares but see no investment to improve the quality and comfort of the trains they use. Billions of pounds are being ploughed into high–speed inter–city services yet commuters on local services are being treated like second–class citizens. That's why I'm backing the Champion's campaign."

The Southport Rail Transport Forum was set up with the support of MP John Pugh to fight for better trains and more efficient connections between Southport and Lancashire.

It campaigns for the electrification of the Southport to Wigan rail line, retention of Southport's direct connection to Manchester Piccadilly and Airport stations, restoration of Southport's rail link to Preston via Burscough and the withdrawal of the Pacers.

Pacers – trains built out of bus parts!

PACER is the operational name of the British Rail Classes 140, 141, 142, 143 and 144 diesel multiple unit railbuses, built between 1980 and 1987 and which were intended as a short–term solution to a shortage of rolling stock with a lifespan of no more than 20 years.

The 'Pacer' series was a project by British Rail to create a train, with low running costs, for use on rural and suburban rail services. BR set a challenge to several companies to design a cheap, lightweight train similar to railbuses. Since then, 165 Pacer trains (totalling 340 carriages) have been built, with some more than 30 years old by 2015.

The train was the result of an experiment to see whether the possibility of using bus parts to create a diesel multiple unit was viable.

The largest Pacer class was the Class 142 built by Leyland and BREL, in 1985. The body was based on a Leyland National bus, built at Lillyhall, Workington in Cumbria. Many fixtures and fittings of the Leyland National could be found on the units.

A number of units were modified for use on the Merseyside PTE City Line on Merseyrail in the Liverpool region and moved into the control of First North Western at privatisation and subsequently passed on to Northern Rail.

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Police keen to trace Skem man

POLICE are keen to trace George Huyton (right) from Acregate, Skelmersdale in connection with the breach of a community order.

The 23–year–old also has connections to the Tanhouse area.

Anyone with information can contact Lancashire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Midstream students raise £540 for hospice

STUDENTS at a vocational college that provides quality employment and enhanced employment opportunities in a caring environment for young people and adults with special needs have raised more than £500 for a worthy cause.

The students of Midstream Vocational College in Penrose Place, West Pimbo raised £540 for the Wigan and Leigh Hospice after organising a series of coffee mornings held at St James Church in Wigan.

Midstream learning support assistant, Rebecca Whalley, said: "We decided to raise money for Wigan and Leigh Hospice as we thought it was a good cause."

• RIGHT: Midstream learning support assistant Rebecca Whalley with students Dale and Sean who helped raise £540 for Wigan and Leigh Hospice.

Age UK volunteers dig in to help church group

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of a church ladies craft group can look forward to enjoying the fruits of their labour in more pleasant surroundings this summer – thanks to a band of big–hearted volunteers.

The women, who attend the group at Digmoor Methodist Church, decided to swap their knitting and crochet needles for dibbers and trowels and set about turning a piece of unused land at the rear of the building in Daniels Lane into a useable space.

They planned to grow plants and vegetables and create a safe space for working outside during the summer months.

And the group were successful in clearing weeds and seeing the results of their planting – but the one job beyond them was to lift and relay the uneven existing paving and clear the rubble uncovered by their gardening labours.

Luckily though help was at hand.

Age UK manager, Gary Heron mustered some voluntary 'troops' – in the form of local scout leaders – and offered to do the necessary work at no cost to the church which is stretched to capacity where funding is concerned.

Gary said: "Hopefully, this provision will lift the morale of those who enjoy this safe space which will be made accessible to anyone who wishes to join this group who meet on a Tuesday afternoon."

As the new resource centre manager for Age UK Lancashire, working out of the Wellbeing Centre in Ormskirk and the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale, Gary aims to continue the organisation's work throughout the borough for the over–50s.

Age UK Lancashire provide a wide range of activities and services including line dancing, keep fit, lunch clubs, chair–based exercise, daytime support, dementia services, foot care, promoting independence, advice and guidance and holiday, home and car insurance.

Many of the events are supported by volunteers but they are always looking for more people to join their organisation.

If you would like to know more about Age UK Lancashire or become a volunteer call 0300 303 1235 or 01695 720406, visit www.ageuklancs.org.uk, or pop into the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale or the Wellbeing Centre, Moorgate in Ormskirk.

Firefighters and football club team up in bid to kick anti–social behaviour into touch

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as responding to emergency situations!

Through the scheme we hope that we will get to build upon our relationships within the community and we can influence the young people who attend in a positive way meaning they will be less likely to get involved with anti–social behaviour."

Wesley Partington from the Wigan Athletic Community Trust said: "The project has managed to secure funding for 38 weeks so far which is fantastic news and will hopefully enable us to have a positive impact on young people in the area."

The sessions will be held twice a week from 6 to 8pm, with Skelmersdale fire station is hosting sessions on Thursdays and the Evermoor hub in Digmoor on Fridays.

The programme is scheduled to start from this Thursday (February 26) at the fire station and at the Evermoor Hub on Friday, February 27.

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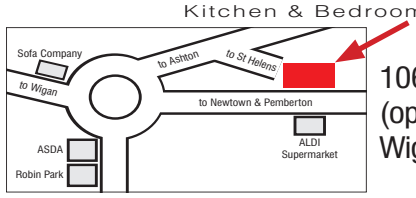

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Care home aims to bridge generation gap

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF at a care home are launching an initiative to encourage older residents in West Lancashire to spend more quality time with younger people in the wider community.

Last year, staff at the Hillcroft residential and care home in Aughton spearheaded a campaign to make older people in the local community feel more involved by inviting them to join residents at free activities and events held at the home and day trips out.

Now manager of the Long Lane home, Margaret Sutcliffe is supporting a project called Connecting Generations aimed at bringing different age groups together.

Margaret was presented with a Community Involvement Award by West Lancashire Older People's Champion, Councillor May Blake, at the Skelmersdale Library Memory Festival in recognition of the work that she and staff at the home have done on behalf of older people in the community, including the campaign to encourage care homes across the borough to invite local residents to join them for Christmas dinner.

That campaign was take up by Connect 4 Life, a community project between Lancashire County Council and six local and national older people's charities, resulting in 16 care homes taking part.

Margaret said: "The Connecting Generations initiative will involve residents at the home and older members of the public enjoying more activities and quality time with children and younger adults and, importantly, full family involvement across all ages."

Hillcroft's events organiser, Lesley Malone, added: "We can't wait to launch Connecting Generations, bringing together all ages across the community.

Margaret Sutcliffe (right) receives her award from Councillor May Blake. Code1076620

"To kick it off, West Lancashire College horticulture students will be creating a whole new look at Hillcroft, transforming our gardens with beach, woodland and sensory areas, and the older people will contribute their own thoughts and ideas for the area.

"School pupils from across West Lancashire will also be invited to Hillcroft to join in with activities and events. We're currently in talks with five primary and high schools.

"And we have spoken to several mums–and–tots groups who will be invited to monthly sessions at the home when our residents and visitors can give the younger mums the benefit of their wealth of knowledge of bringing up their own children.

"We will also be running heritage sessions where families can get together to research their own family history."

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TUC report says nearly half of women workers in borough are paid less than Living Wage

Report by **Henry james**

NEARLY half of all women workers in West Lancashire are paid less than the Living Wage, according to a survey by the TUC.

The borough has once again been highlighted as an area with a high percentage of people being paid less than £7.85 per hour, with women in the borough particularly affected.

Figures published by the TUC show West Lancs in fourth place on a list of Living Wage 'black spots' in the North West, with 37.7% of jobs based here paying less than the recommended amount.

This follows a recent report by the GMB Union listing the 10 local authority areas in England and Wales with the highest proportion of jobs paying less than the Living Wage in 2014 in which West Lancs was again placed with fourth.

And for working women in the borough the picture is even bleaker, according to the TUC.

Across the UK as a whole it found that 26.6% of women are paid below the Living Wage, rising to 28.9% here in the North West, while in West Lancs the figure is 48.3%.

The Living Wage is a recommended rate of pay that takes into account the true cost of living in the UK. In November 2014 the national Living Wage increased to £7.85 per hour outside of London and £9.15 in the capital.

North West TUC regional secretary, Lynn Collins, said: "Extending the Living Wage is a vital step towards tackling the growing problem of in–work poverty here in the North West and Britain as a whole.

"Working families have experienced the biggest squeeze on their living standards since Victorian times and these Living Wage figures show that women have been hit the hardest.

"Pay has been squeezed at all levels below the boardroom and it's time that the government and employers recognised that Britain needs a pay rise. Without action on pay and the Living Wage it will take years to get spending power back into our economy.

"The number of Living Wage employers is growing rapidly, which is great news and unions are playing their part in encouraging more employers to sign up and pay it. But we need to see a far wider commitment to pay the living wage from government, employers and modern wages councils – to drive up productivity and set higher minimum rates in industries where employers can afford to pay their staff more."

Arrest warrant issued for post office burglar

POLICE have issued an arrest warrant for a burglar who failed to appear at Liverpool Crown Court.

Kurtis Rowson was sentenced in his absence to three years in prison for the burglary at the post office on Square Lane, Burscough in June 2014.

The 24–year–old is described as white, about 6ft tall, of slim build with short fair hair and has a Liverpool accent. He has connections to the Walton Vale and Kirkby areas of Merseyside.

Sergeant Steve Monk of Skelmersdale Police said: "We are keen to trace Rowson as soon as possible and if anybody has seen him or knows of his current whereabouts I would urge them to contact us."

Anyone with information can contact Lancashire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Advice network backs fuel poverty awareness day

THE South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network (SWLICAN) based in Skelmersdale is supporting a national day to raise awareness of people struggling to heat their homes.

Fuel Poverty Awareness Day on Friday (February 27) is run by charity National Energy Action. Around 4.5m households in the UK are believed to be living in fuel poverty, unable to heat their homes to the level needed to stay warm and comfortable.

Ian Appleton, SWLICAN's energy champion, said: "Fuel poverty is a serious problem, affecting thousands of households in our area alone, but there are a range of actions people can take to make their energy bills more affordable.

"This includes switching suppliers, making your home more energy–efficient and checking to see if you are eligible for any discounts on your electricity bills or financial assistance with heating or insulation improvements.

"Householders in the most affected areas of town will soon be receiving a copy of our switching supplier leaflet."

James Mabote of Sir James Mobile Valeting pictured with players and officials of Dynamo Rangers FC Code1077224

Valeting firm put their shirts on Rangers!

BUDDING football stars of the Dynamo Rangers under–10s side are sporting a smart new look – courtesy of a local car cleaning company.

James Mabote, of Sir James Mobile Valeting in Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale has kindly sponsored a new playing kit for the team who play in the Skelmersdale Sunday League.

And the team did their bit too with a sponsored car–wash at Asda Skelmersdale which raised £280.

Meanwhile, team bosses are now looking for sponsorship for next season. For more information go to www.pitchero.com/clubs/dynamorangers/

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Mere's 40th birthday

The original cabin at Martin Mere shown when it was first constructed in 1974 Code NA

By **Danielle Thompson**

THE Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Martin Mere at Burscough celebrates its 40th birthday on Sunday (March 1) and the centre has a host of activites lined up to mark the special milestone.

On the day visitors can enjoy free pond–dipping activities from 11am to 12.30pm and 2 to 3.30pm; draw their favourite bird in a free art competition; watch the family of otters feed at 11.30am and 2.30pm; and witness more than 1,000 Whooper swans feed on the mere at 3 and 3.30pm.

There is also the chance to hand–feed birds from around the world as you get up close and personal with flamingos, swans and ducks.

The reserve is also launching a 40th birthday photography competition and visitors can take snaps on the day to submit.

The mere first opened its doors to the general public on March 1, 1975, welcoming 500 visitors at a cost of just 40p per adult!

Since then it has welcomed more than 5.5million visitors, as well as playing host to in excess of 300,000 school educational visits.

The idea for the centre developed from a close friendship that grew up between Sir Peter Scott and local haulage contractor, Ronnie Barker.

Knowing of Sir Peter's passion for wildlife and conservation and that many Pink–footed geese and Bewick swans roosted in the area on land owned by the Slingers, owners of Windmill Animal Farm, Ronnie introduced him to Matt Slinger and Martin Mere's incredible journey began.

Some 363 acres were purchased for £52,000 in 1972. The land was derelict and used for intensive agriculture purposes and there wasn't a tree on it!

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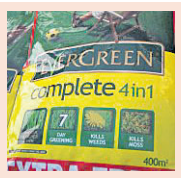

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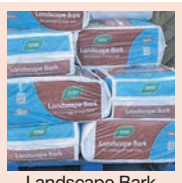

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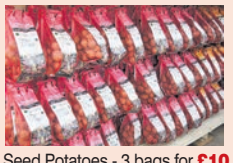

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Supermarket's cheque boost for care home

Report by **Henry James**

BIRCH Green Care Home is the latest winner of a community campaign run by a Skelmersdale supermarket.

Representatives from the home in Ivydale were presented with a cheque for £200 as part of Asda's Chosen By You Given by Us initiative which gives local charities and organisations the chance to be nominated by the public to receive a donation from their local store.

Every time a customer shops, they are given a token and have to decide which charity to choose. After two months, the charity with the most tokens is given a grant of £200 with two runners–up receiving £50 each.

Runners–up this time were West Lancashire Ark for the homeless, based at the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale and Ormskirk Hospital maternity unit.

Asda Skelmersdale community champion, Helen Broady, said: "We are pleased to support Birch Green Care Home which was a clear winner. One of our members of staff, Sharon Roberts, has volunteered there while some of the residents are former customers – and we even had a day out with them recently."

The latest campaign is currently being run with three schools, Woodlands Community Primary, Cobbs Brow Primary and St Edmund's Cathloic Primary.

Non–profit organisation or charities wishing to be considered for the scheme can contact Helen Broady for details by email at communityskelmersdale@asda.co.uk

Meanwhile the Asda store currently has a trolley in its post office area for shoppers to donate animal food to be given to rescue centres in the local area.

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• PICTURED left: Skelmersdale Asda community life champion Sharon Roberts (2nd from left) presented the cheques to Angie Cullen (left) of Ormskirk Hospital maternity unit and Birch Green Care Centre manager Carol Nickeas (seated centre). Also pictured are care worker Jill Tugwell (centre), activities team leader Bernadette Forshaw and residents Kathy and Mildred.

Men–aces master old rivals in double header

SKEM Men–aces disability football team took on old rivals AFC Masters from Bolton in two games which have been described by Men–aces manager, Carl Eaton as "a truly wonderful advertisement for disability football."

The first match was a close, hard–fought encounter ending in a goalless draw.

But in the second AFC Masters started with spirit and determination and led 2–0 at half–time.

Down but not out, the Men–aces hit back in the second half, levelling with goals by Martin and James.

Then, with heads up and pride restored, they went on to score two more to record a classic 4–2 win.

Carl Eaton added: "It's always an absolute pleasure to play our friends AFC Masters and we thank them for their hospitality.

"The Men–aces have had a good run lately and only the day before we beat CDP Tigers of St Helens in a penalty shoot–out.

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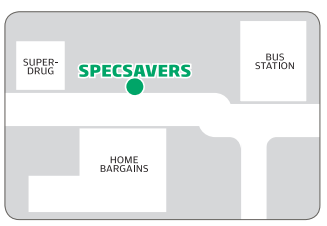

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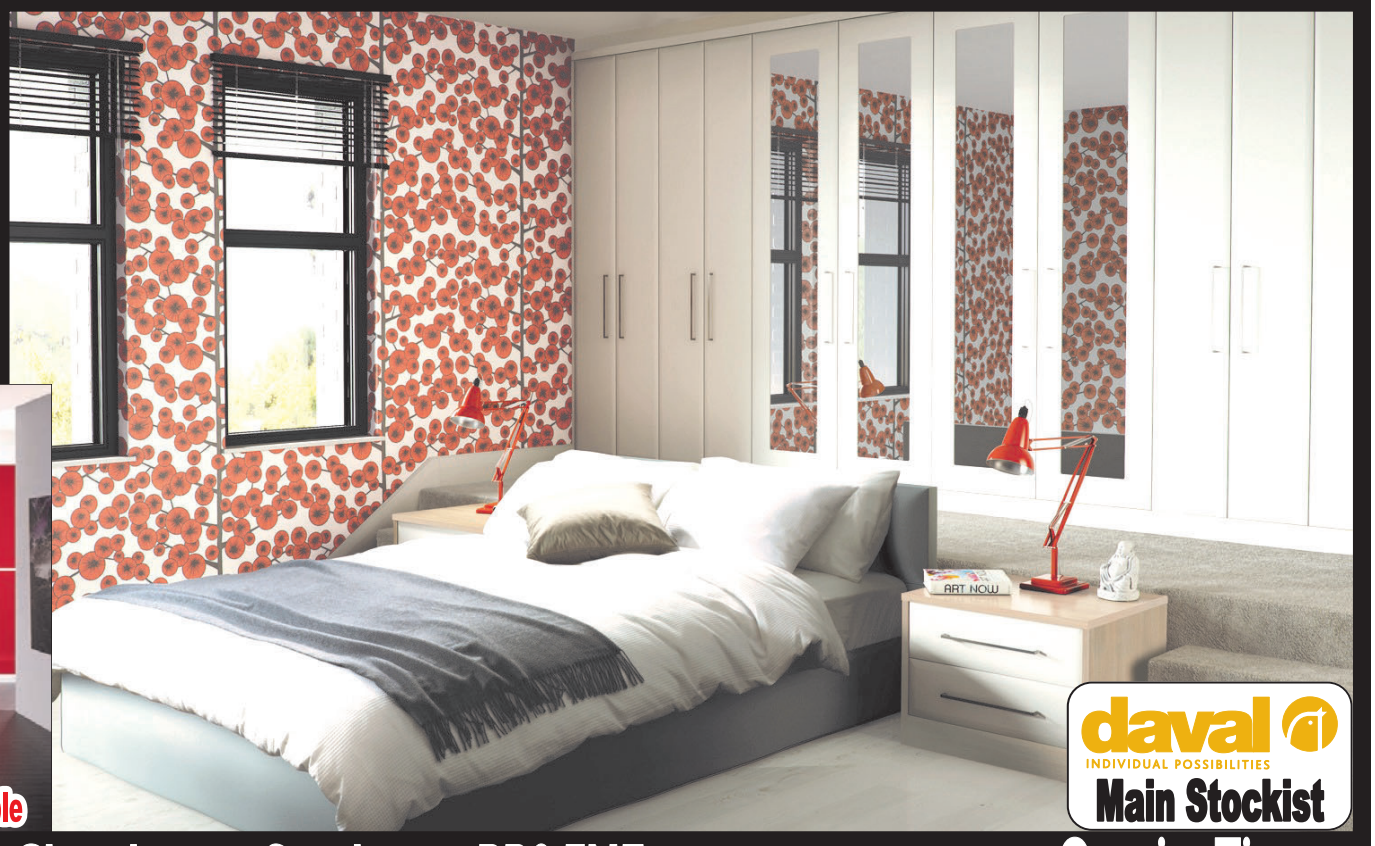

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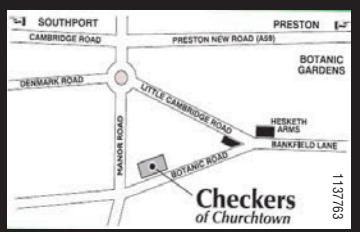

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Helping hand for jobseekers

WORK clubs will now offer advice and support on finding work and training opportunities to jobseekers in Lancashire.

Staff from Lancashire Adult Learning are offering free weekly sessions in community venues across the county.

Sessions will be held at Ormskirk library from 1 to 4pm on Mondays and at Skelmersdale library from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Fridays when free Internet access and professional support will be available to help people search for jobs with advice on education and training also on hand.

People who attend the sessions will receive one–to–one advice from the tutor when they arrive to help them to make the most of their time.

County Councillor Tony Martin, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "These weekly work clubs are set up in the heart of the community so that they are easy to get to. They provide people with advice and support which is totally confidential. Anyone ready to apply for work can get help with writing their CV, covering letters and application forms so that they present themselves as well as possible to a potential employer. They can also practise being in an interview situation and get tips to help with this.

"Universal jobmatch is also available – this is a facility to help people to find and apply for the latest jobs, locally, nationally and abroad. The work clubs are an opportunity to meet other people, exchange skills, share experiences, find opportunities, make contacts and get help."

To find out more about the work clubs call 0300 123 6703.

Police helicopter base marked for closure

A POLICE support helicopter often seen in the skies above West Lancashire is to be grounded.

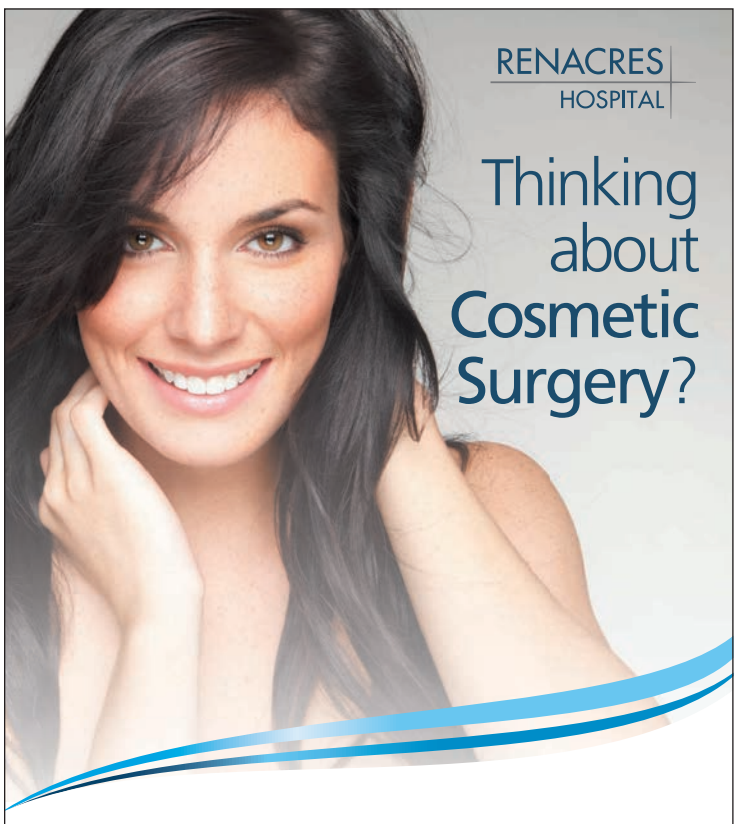
The National Police Air Service (NPAS) helicopter base in Warton on the Fylde will be decommissioned from 2017 meaning that any air support needed by police in West Lancs will need to come from Manchester or Cheshire – both of which would take at least 20 minutes to arrive provided they aren't needed elsewhere.

NPAS Warton can respond to emergencies and police investigations in the borough within ten minutes.

The Warton base is one of nine in the UK facing closure as part of cost–cutting measures.

Chief Superintendent Ian Whitehouse of the National Police Air Service said: "NPAS needs to find further substantial financial savings with a target of 14% of revenue cuts over the next three years on top of the 23% savings already made. Local police forces are looking to rationalise their estate and ways of operating and NPAS is no different."

The NPAS Warton helicopter base is to be decommissioned



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Finishing line in sight for link road

Relief for motorists as Switch Island work nears completion

Report by **Tom Martin**

Cllr Peter Dowd at the site Code NA

THE Thornton to Switch Island Link Road is entering its final stages of completion with surfacing works now being carried out, much to the relief of motorists across Sefton and West Lancashire.

Contractor Balfour Beatty, has started to lay the main road surface at the link road's new junction on Brickwall Lane, between Netherton and Thornton.

Once that section has been completed, surfacing will continue on the main stretch between Holgate and Brickwall Lane.

Street lighting columns are being installed at the new roundabout and at Brickwall Lane while the drainage system and drainage ponds are in the final stages of completion.

Work has also started on preparing the road verges at the Thornton end of the scheme and the final phase of the works at Switch Island is scheduled to start at the end of February.

The project experienced delays in 2014, but the long–awaited bypass is expected to open this spring.

The new 2.8 mile link road will be known as the A5758 Broom's Cross Road. Broom's Cross is the site of a medieval wayside cross near Thornton.

When complete, the road is expected to reduce peak hour journey times by up to seven minutes between Thornton and Switch Island.

It will also take high volumes of 'through traffic' out of the communities of Netherton and Thornton.

Cllr Peter Dowd, Leader of Sefton Council, said: "It is becoming quite clear to see that this much needed road is nearing completion.

"Once finished, Brooms Cross Road will answer many years of calls for a bypass in this area and we thank residents for their continued patience."

The road is costing £19.5m – with £14.5m from the Department for Transport and £5m from Sefton Council.

Cllr John Fairclough, Sefton Council's Cabinet Member for Transportation, said: "Like many major engineering projects, there have been some unforeseen challenges along the way, but our contractor Balfour Beatty is working very hard to hand over the completed road as quickly as possible.

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Hospital care was second to none

I AM writing about my recent experience at Ormskirk Hospital.

I went in at 10.30am on Monday, February 9 for a hysterectomy and went to theatre at 2.30pm and the ward was run like a smooth assembly line from the minute I entered till I left two days later.

The nurses were brilliant, very friendly and efficient and nothing was too much trouble. They work very hard but still find time to make you feel at ease, explaining everything that is going to happen to you.

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I asked could I go home on the Wednesday but they said they just needed to take some more bloods as the ones from the day before were not good. The doctor came to see me and said as long as my new bloods were fine I could go home.

They checked that someone was going to be at home to look after me and gave me a discharge advice explaining what to expect when I came home and covering any issues that could happen, enclosing a telephone number to ring if I had any concerns.

I was worried my discharge would be delayed waiting for the results of my bloods but there was no need, the results were back within 30 minutes and they were fine. I was told I just had to wait for some medication to take home but I should telephone whoever was coming to take me home.

It was lunch time so I ate my lunch, my meds arrived and my friend came to take me home.

From the minute I arrived until I left the service was second to none, fantastic.

Well done and thank–you NHS, nurses and Ormskirk Hospital.

Mrs Carol Sheridan,
by email

• I RECENTLY spent three nights in E ward at Ormskirk Hospital and would like to say a big thank–you to everyone involved in my care.

The nurses who came in of a morning with happy, jolly smiles to wish us good morning and all the nurses who took care of me were little angels – they should get the same money as footballers get, they are worth every penny.

I hope all the ladies in the same boat as me are all well and happy. We had lots of laughs together, the food was first class and everywhere was spotless.

I enjoyed being spoiled.

Vera Waby,
Ainsdale

Golden opportunity to rectify planning madness

I FEEL sorry for those who are battling to save Glenburn Sports College but hold little hope for their success.

Perhaps, though, sad as the loss of the college would be, there may be a golden opportunity now to rectify the ridiculous planning decision to locate the centre of the town at the Concourse.

Anyone who has had to drive halfway around Skelmersdale to get there would agree it's in the wrong place. Whitemoss roundabout is the obvious centre of the town with direct access off the motorway and everywhere else for that matter.

Of course, St Modwen would not agree, preferring to forge ahead with plans that suit their own purpose. But these plans were made well before the college's current crisis.

There have been several revisions since the initial draft so why not take advantage of this present opportunity? Scrap the current plans for the High Street and relocate its route from Whitemoss roundabout terminating at the Concourse.

There would inevitably be protests and all sorts of obstacles placed in the way but nothing that cannot be overcome if there is a will. This is a once–in–a–lifetime chance for the town to impose some common sense on the planners which, sadly, they have not shown so far.

Who in their right minds would place large distribution centres with high volume heavy goods traffic on the far side of town and a business park next to the motorway whose occupants largely come and go by car in rush hour only?

R. E. O'Brien, by email

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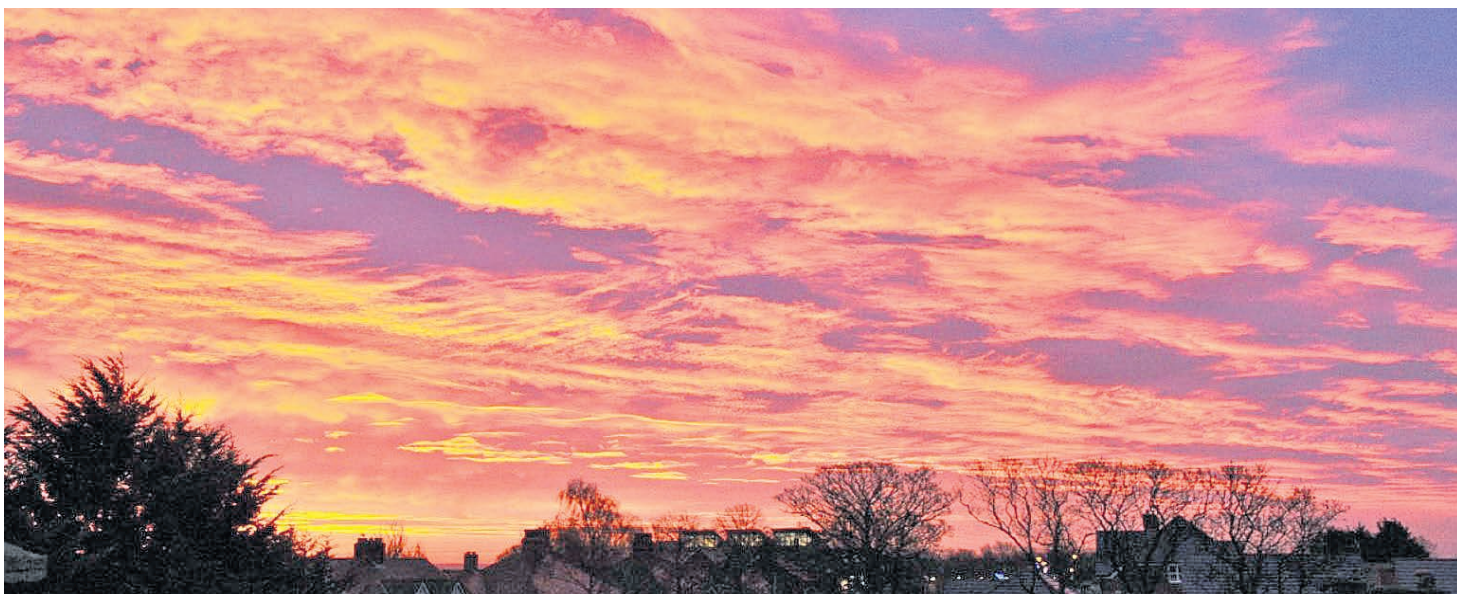

Red sky at morning, sailors' warning: This blazing sky over West Lancashire proved to be a portent of weekend storms. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 1077931.

Local politics needs a shake–up

HOW very interesting and obviously expected to see a letter in the Champion (January 28) from Alderman Bullen giving his very respected views about the new political party, Our West Lancashire.

He hasn't previously raised any public comment about a certain national party which will be lobbying for our vote both locally and nationally, but is obviously feeling concerned about a new local political party within West Lancashire.

This is long since needed – from my observations the two very comfortable parties in power are doing little for the people of West Lancashire. I couldn't even raise a reply to a letter sent to my 'local councillor' in October about safety on a certain main road. Probably I am expecting too much!

I'd vote and support Our West Lancashire if they agree to listen to and follow up constituents' enquiries.

Chris Rice, Holmeswood

I'm a pensioner too but bus pass is no use without a bus!

I WISH to reply to Alan Lenton's rather muddled response (February 11) to my earlier letter.

The reason I was annoyed with MP Rosie Cooper for supporting a group wanting this perk is because I feel she did not do enough to support those of us who lost our only means of public transport when Arriva decided to re–route the 300 Southport to Liverpool service. This was almost certainly because Lancashire County Council decided to reduce the subsidy to the bus company.

I didn't make it clear that I am a pensioner too and so have a bus pass that is not much use to me anymore. With the nearest bus stop now being two miles away I am totally reliant on my car for all of life's necessities and am concerned for the future as I get older.

If West Lancs pensioners get this perk it will have to be paid for by Lancashire County Council via West Lancs council tax and not by shareholders.

Mr Lenton says that he pays "more council tax that any Sefton resident." I have checked council tax bands for Sefton and West Lancs and it seems that the basic rate for non–parished areas is a bit more in Sefton. How much you pay in a parished area varies according to where you live.

The dearest parish in West Lancs is Hilldale but three parishes in Sefton are dearer, Aintree, Lydiate and Maghull, the latter costing £50 a year more than Hilldale for band D and £100 a year more than non–parished Ormskirk. So Mr Lenton does not pay more than all Sefton residents.

Free train travel would be very nice but I'd prefer to have the bus service back so that I can get to the doctor's, supermarket, post office, bank, dentist, Southport and to the trains!

**Hazel Anderton,
Renacres Lane, Halsall**

Walk route is just a load of rubbish!

I WALK my dog most days along the Linear Park and Smith Way in Ormskirk. The route must now be one of the most litter–strewn strolls in Lancashire.

It's not just the occasional sweet wrapper but cans, glass and plastic bottles, cartons, whole bags of assorted rubbish – you name it, it is dumped somewhere along this route.

Believe me, I am not Mr Angry of Ormskirk, just deeply saddened by the thoughtless behaviour of my fellow citizens.

Surely it cannot be that difficult to use a bin or take it home and recycle?

I don't have an answer, maybe someone does?

I know this does not rank as high as the fracking debate or the town centre upgrade but it does give a clue as to how we think about our environment.

Mark Cowing, Ormskirk

Shabby streets

I HAVE lived in Aughton for the last 13 years or so and I have yet to see the streets clean. There are cluttering gates, blocked pavements and they are full of rubbish – there isn't one road that is clear.

I pay council tax for three services but evidently road cleansing is not one of them. I get about in and around West Lancashire and I find Aughton the worst for street cleaning.

Mr G. Whittaker, Aughton

Wood carvings are fabulous

AS a regular visitor to Ruff Wood in Ormskirk I would like to express my appreciation to whoever is responsible for the fabulous wood carvings that have been arriving there recently.

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Mrs Janet Jones, Ormskirk

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Greens name their election candidate

THE West Lancashire Green Party have selected local man Ben Basson as their propective parliamentary candidate for the borough in the forthcoming General Election.

Mr Basson grew up in in Aughton and attended Ormskirk Grammar School before gaining a degree in wildlife conservation from Liverpool John Moores University.

He now works as a countryside ranger for West Lancs Borough Council and lives in Haskayne.

Local residents are invited to go along and meet Mr Basson at a Green Party Ceilidh being held on Saturday, March 14 at the Royal British Legion Club, Lord Street, Burscough from 8pm.

Ben Basson **Code NA**

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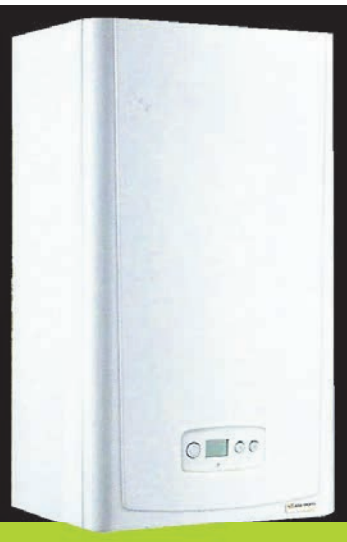

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Residents kick up a stink over plan to relocate carcass processing plant

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN animal carcass processing operation could be sited in three former aircraft hangars in Burscough if plans are given the go–ahead.

Residents living near to the former hangars on Tollgate Road have already objected to the plans to relocate the business, Martland Knackers Yard, from its current location at Barton's Farm, Moss Lane, saying that it is "inappropriate so close to a residential area."

Applicant, Mr P. Martin lodged a planning application for the business at hangars C1–3.

The business collects animal carcasses from farms, highways, beaches, rivers, zoos and racecourses and processes them into pet food, hides and bonemeal before the remnants are sent for rendering at a plant in Widnes.

The current site handles between 60 and 100 tonnes of carcasses per week.

The existing business at Barton's Farm is surrounded by housing and an Environmental Impact Statement submitted to West Lancs Council states that "many" residents at the current location "find the smell that at times comes from the yard to be unacceptable."

The application contends that the business is necessary as the burial of animals other than pets is illegal to protect groundwater from contamination.

According to the application the new facility would have improved extraction and smell–reduction systems installed, where contaminated air is released under a large area of aerated soil, planted up with heather or similar plans to absorb the bacteria.

This system could not be used at the current site as there is not enough open–field space.

Burscough residents have taken to the council's planning website to object to the plans.

One concern is odour, with old carcasses – including roadkill and beach carcasses, especially whales – causing the strongest odour.

But the application states that the building will be sealed and no properties are situated within the maximum radius the Environmental Health received previous complaints from in its current location.

Karen Traynor, from nearby Lordsgate Lane, wrote: "I and all of our neighbours are appalled and distressed by this application. This is a family area with many children. It is totally inappropriate to suggest that a knackers yard should be placed in this vicinity. This is absolutely shocking."

And Sharon Haigh commented: " I find it very inappropriate to be so close to residential area. Even though it is planned for an industrial estate there are so many children living in this area. I think it's disgusting, not only the smell, but the whole production process that will be happening at this site, so close to residents."

West Lancs Council are scheduled to make a decision on the application by Friday, March 6.

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James Downes cuts the ribbon to open the new Vision Express, with Jennifer Hodson and manager Lynne Cross

Young cancer survivor is special guest at store opening

A SPECIAL guest was inivited along to perform the official opening ceremony of a new eyecare store in Ormskirk.

Twelve–year–old eye cancer survivor James Downes joined manager, Lynne Cross and staff member, Jennifer Hodson to cut the ribbon to open the new Vision Express store on the site of the former Conlon's opticians in Aughton Street.

The youngster and dad Robert were special guests of the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT) a nominated charity of Vision Express which provides information and advice for families affected by the childhood eye cancer.

James was diagnosed with bilateral retinoblastoma, cancer of the retinas in both eyes, in 2003 at the age of just nine months.

Lynne Cross said: "It was lovely to meet James and Robert. We're proud to be supporting CHECT which does so much to raise awareness of eye cancer."

Robert added: "We really enjoyed opening the Ormskirk Vision Express store and were pleased to be part of the day and to help raise awareness of the work of CHECT."

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Rambler slams county council over footpath

Public right of way closed for a year due to confusion – claim

By Danielle Thompson

A KEEN rambler claims that confusion between two departments at Lancashire County Council has led to a public footpath being closed for a year.

Michael Smout, chairman of the West Lancashire Ramblers group, tried to use the footpath that crosses Broad Lane in Downholland only to find it closed.

When he tried to find out why, he claims he found himself being passed between the county council's highways and public rights of way departments without receiving a satisfactory explanation.

Mr Smout said that the path was shut in January 2013, reopened briefly, then shut again in February 2014.

He said: "This particular right of way, Downholland footpath No. 10 reaches Broad Lane, near Downholland Cross, through a council site, which is used for storing grit and other items. Although there is a footpath sign on the road, the entrance and exit to the footpath has been blocked by the erection of a large locked fence.

"Since the footpath was blocked for a second time my complaints went unheeded. In February 2014 I was told that the public rights of way team would contact me when it had been resolved.

"A year on, I contacted Downholland Parish Council for help and last month the parish clerk told me that the county council had resolved issues on various footpaths, except for footpath No. 10.

"If Lancashire County Council are unable to reopen an obstructed right of way on their own land they must be in a state of real administrative confusion."

A county council spokesman said: "We're sorry this footpath has been blocked and will ensure it is reopened. We understand it was inadvertently blocked as staff sought to secure the site to prevent travellers gaining access to the adjoining field.

"We'll also look into what we can do to ensure that the footpath is not blocked in future."

Churches celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer

WORSHIPPERS from across West Lancashire are being invited to celebrate the annual Women's World Day of Prayer at services across the borough on Friday, March6.

Local inter–denominational services will be held at St Teresa's Catholic Church, Up Holland at 1.30pm; St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale at 2pm; St Peter's Parish Church, Mawdesley at 2pm; St Anne's RC Church, Ormskirk at 7.30pm; and Burscough Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

Organiser, Margaret Daunt, said: "An estimated three million people in more than 170 countries will gather to observe Women's World Day of Prayer. In the UK alone more than 5,000 services will be held. Everyone is welcome to attend the services, men, women and people of all ages."

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Grants were awarded to a wide range of projects in 2014, including:

• £213,000 to Edge Hill University Sports Activation project.

• £9,100 for Aspen Way Seniors to run IT classes for older people.

• £6,600 for the 1st Up Holland Scout Group to restore a sailing boat.

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I'm still here – gripes and all!

REPORTS of my imminent demise have been much exaggerated – mainly by me I'm afraid.

I sit here amid the fading memory of my recent flu (still coughing up muck, still snivelling somewhat and still feeling rather sorry for myself – but hey! that's Nimbyism for you!)

Quite seriously though, my only real gripe now is that if I walk further than a few hundred yards the muscles connecting the back of both my feet to the back of my knees start to ache. Not in a flu–like sort of way, but as if I'd been taking too much exercise or climbing a lot of steep hills (neither of which I have done for the past few weeks).

Suggestions as to what and why this is would gratefully be received.

And a big thank–you to the woman who phoned me and offered to do shopping for me and the dogs.

I turned her down (because that's just me) but the thought was there and it cheered me no end. Thanks again!

Anyway, enough of my illnesses – the other day I picked up one of those rather good free newspapers one finds these days on buses and trains.

Now there is usually rather too much about celebs in this paper for my taste, but this particular edition carried the results of a survey to highlight the Top 50 things in modern life which really hack us off.

Some of the gripes raised went straight over my head (slow wi–fi for instance or a scattering of celebs who others find as irritating as I probably would had I ever heard of them).

But some – including the No. 1 dislike – really rang a bell. Out there at number one was self–service checkouts. I flatly refuse to be lectured by a machine, particularly one which seems hell–bent on proving it's a lot cleverer than I.

One, or rather two, entries interested me.

At number five was public transport and at number 12 was BO on public transport. Interesting from a couple of angles.

I do not know from what age group this poll of 700 was taken, but I suspect that assuming most were adults it is quite likely that the pollees rarely, if ever, use buses or trains anyway.

So to say you don't like it is just prejudice. And to imply that one reason not to like it (or use it) that many of us who do are, shall we say, smelly, is a slander and in any case untrue.

You might just as well say you don't like pubs or restaurants because of smelly customers.

Mind you, in a poll which mentions Jimmy Carr and Justin Bieber as irritations, but fails entirely to rate the odious Jonathan Ross, there is obviously something rather skewed going on.

And talking of odd things being included/excluded from this list of Top 50 wind–ups, the one thing I honestly thought would be up somewhere in the Top Ten would have been dog poo.

But no! Not in the Top Ten – nor anywhere else in this rather off Top 50. But guess what crept in at Number 43? Cat poo!

Really interesting though (and again it makes you wonder from what age group most of this sample was taken) was Bad Grammar up at Number 11.

Heartening in an age when I thought Bad Grammar had something to do with granny being locked up for some senile crimewave or other.

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Call for public question time at council meetings

Councillor Owens

By Henry James

A WEST Lancs borough councillor is calling for members of the public to be able to table and ask questions of their elected representatives at council meetings.

Councillor Adrian Owens put forward a motion to that effect at a meeting of the full council last night (Tuesday, February 25).

The Derby ward councillor, who resigned from the Conservatives last month to launch an independent group, Our West Lancashire, said: "I've placed a motion on the council agenda that would allow members of the public to submit written questions to cabinet members and then ask those questions and a related supplementary question in a public question time slot at the beginning of council meetings.

"I was at the forefront of introducing public speaking at planning committees more than 10 years ago and that works well.

"It's past time when we should allow residents to quiz their elected representatives at full council meetings.

"Many other Lancashire councils allow this already, as do parish councils here in West Lancashire."

Cllr. Owens believes anyone who works or resides in the borough should be able to ask questions of members of the cabinet at meetings of the council.

Chance to have a say on health at drop–in events

HEALTH leaders from the NHS in West Lancashire are inviting residents to drop–in listening events in Burscough and Skelmersdale.

The events will take place this Saturday (February 28) from 2 to 4pm in the Older Peoples Club in Burscough and on Saturday, March 7 from 10am to 12pm at Sandy Lane Health Centre in Skelmersdale.

Senior representatives from NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust and Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will attend the drop–ins.

Greg Mitten, board member of NHS West Lancashire CCG who oversees patient and public involvement, said: "The best way for us to understand how you are experiencing local health services is by talking to each other. We would like to hear from anyone who has feedback, a compliment, a complaint, a story, an idea for improvement – anything at all about local health services.

"Your views will allow us to ensure services are working as they should, so we can improve the health and wellbeing of West Lancashire.

"No matter what your interest or feedback is on, please do come along as your views really do matter to us. There will be confidential ways you can provide your experiences on the day."

Providing feedback, both good and bad, allows NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and its partner organisations, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust and the Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, to understand their services better and shape them to suit what people need.

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Local health group backs cancer campaign

NHS West Lancashire is supporting the national 'Be Clear on Cancer' campaign, which aims to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of oesophageal cancer (cancer of the gullet/food pipe) and stomach cancer.

The campaign urges people to tell their doctor if they've had heartburn most days for three weeks or more or if they have difficulty swallowing food.

Around 12,900 people are diagnosed with oesophageal or stomach cancer in England each year and these cancers cause around 10,200 deaths annually.

Other symptoms of oesophageal or stomach cancer include:

- Indigestion on and off for three weeks or more.
- Food feels like it's sticking in your throat when you swallow.
- Losing weight for no obvious reason.
- Trapped wind and frequent burping.
- Feeling full very quickly when eating.
- Feeling bloated after eating.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Pain or discomfort in your upper stomach area.

Dr Jack Kinsey, local GP and NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) board member, said: "It's important that people are aware of the signs and symptoms of oesophageal cancer and don't just learn to live with them.

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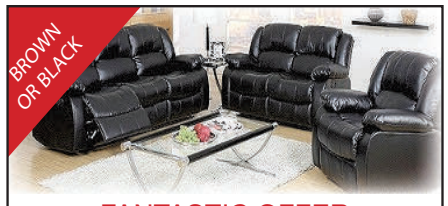

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It aims to help people get the right practical support, information and advice that they need before a small problem becomes a crisis.

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Warning over fake police officer calls

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are being warned to be on their guard against a telephone scam involving a man claiming to be a police officer.

It follows a number of cases in the county in which a man targeted elderly or vulnerable people telling them that their bank card or account had been comprised.

They are then advised to withdraw money from the account and transfer it a 'safe' account or hand it to a 'police officer' for checking.

The man then says that the money will need to be checked for fingerprinting by the 'officer' who then attends the victim's address and takes their money.

Some of the victims – mainly aged in their 70s and 80s – handed over money or transferred it into a fraudulent bank account, losing thousands of pounds.

DC Will Hogan from Preston CID said: "These are despicable crimes against vulnerable, elderly victims.

"This con artist has even been going so far to say that there were two men currently in police custody elsewhere in the country for trying to access that person's bank account.

"He has been extremely plausible, providing a supposed name and police collar number, both of which are false.

"Despite current reports being confined to the Burnley and Preston areas, this offender may try elsewhere and I am reminding people to be vigilant and if you get this type of phone call, report it to the police and/or your bank before transferring any money into another account or agreeing to hand any of your cash over.

"People who commit these offences will often target the elderly, posing as officials to gain their confidence and trust. No police officer or other official body will ever ask for your bank details or would ever ask you to withdraw or transfer funds.

"If you have an elderly friend or relative, please let them know that this is happening so they can avoid becoming a potential victim."

Anybody with information can contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or on–line at Crimestoppers–uk.org.

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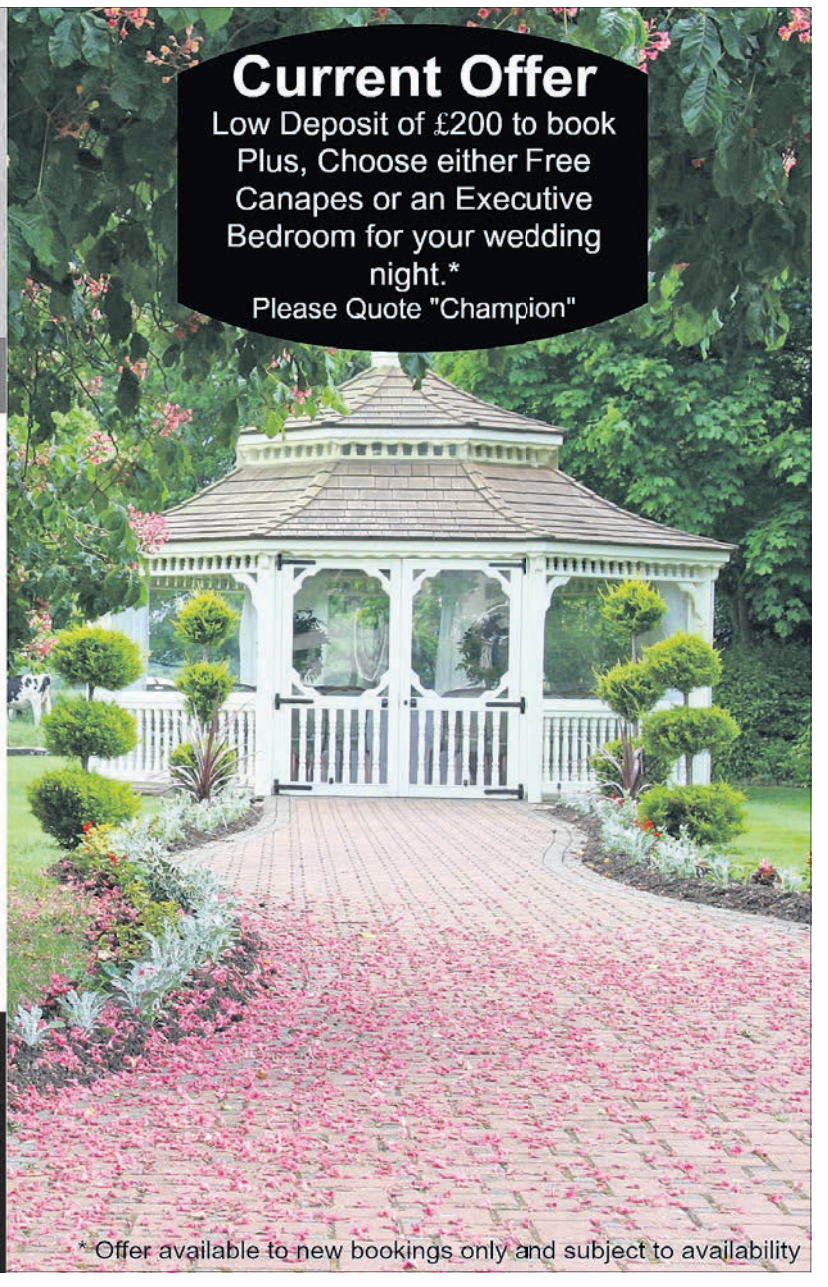

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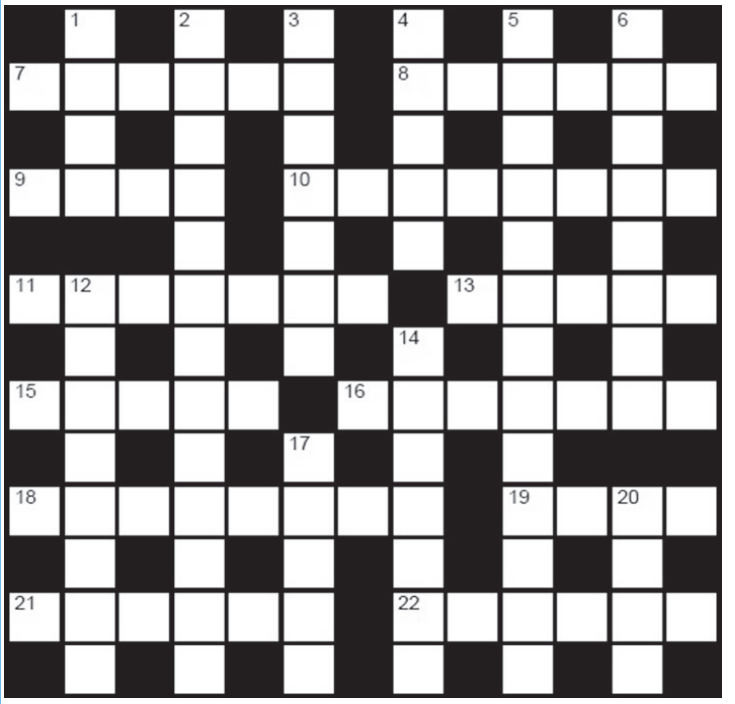

ACROSS

7 Very good, excellent (6)
8 Vinegar-like (6)
9 Move from site to site on the Internet (4)
10 Railway employee (8)
11 Sees, observes (archaic) (7)
13 Individual leaf of paper (5)
15 Initial, foremost (5)
16 Informal US term for an armed robbery with a gun (5,2)
18 Area of land bordering the ocean (8)
19 Aromatic plant used as culinary herb (4)
21 Go up, climb (6)
22 Feel, grasp (6)

DOWN

1 Hindu spiritual teacher (4)
2 Assured, composed (4-9)
3 Period between high and low tide (7)
4 Trite, commonplace (5)
5 The act of strengthening (13)
6 Coffee-flavoured Italian dessert (8)
12 Neurological disorder marked by loss of consciousness, or convulsions (8)
14 Netherlands city (7)
17 Unfashionable (5)
20 Invalid (4)

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Across: 7 Self-righteous. 8 Befriend. 9 Pita. 10 Jury box. 12 Snort. 14 Agile. 16 Pre-empt. 19 Clan. 20 Regional. 22 Straw coloured.
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County council budget set after six–week public consultation

Council tax to rise by 1.99%

By Danielle Thompson

LANCASHIRE County Council's budget, outlining how £152 million in savings will be made by April 2018, has been announced following a six–week public consultation.

An adjustment to the budget set aside £5 million to establish a green energy fund to enable research and development work, support green energy businesses in Lancashire and develop energy solutions for the county as a whole and the council itself.

The county council will spend a total of £726.7 million in the financial year 2015/16 and council tax will rise by 1.99%.

David Borrow, deputy leader of the council and portfolio holder for finance, explained: "The combination of funding cuts by central government and rising demand for services such as social care means we have to find unprecedented savings.

"We had already identified £21m of savings for 2015/16 in last year's budget and have now agreed a further £79m of savings to be made this year, a total of £100m.

"Between 2010 and 2018 we will have made savings of £547 million, which leaves us no option but to take radical action.

"We have already made significant savings by introducing more intelligent and efficient ways of working and we will continue to do that. However, it is also clear that we will have to deliver some services in a different way and stop providing some services altogether.

Councillor David Borrow

"We are doing all we can to ensure that we protect the most vulnerable in the county and we remain committed to spending our resources fairly, according to need.

"We're asking council tax payers to contribute a little extra because the relatively small amount of money per household the increase represents will help us to deliver several million pounds worth of services that we wouldn't be able to deliver without it.

"This is a period of great uncertainty for the council as we approach a General Election and a lack of clarity on the potential financial impact of the Care Act, so it is vital that we have sufficient reserves in place to cope with potentially extraordinary demands on the council's budget."

MP supports proposal for residents to have right of appeal on planning decisions

ROSIE Cooper has highlighted residents' concerns that limits of Houses of Multiple Occupancy are being breached in the borough.

Speaking in a parliamentary debate the West Lancs MP supported a proposal that would allow communities the right of appeal on planning decisions. Currently only the applicant can appeal to have a local planning authority's decision reviewed.

Ms Cooper cited a case of an application for a House of Multiple Occupancy in Ormskirk which she said was granted 12 months after the landlord began to rent the house to students. She said this was illegal under HMO laws and the borough council should have taken retrospective action against the landlord but instead he had been granted a licence on appeal.

Mary Wright, chair of the New Way Residents and Tenants Association, said: "We are massively disappointed that another HMO has been allowed in this area. As residents we want to know that the council is working to protect residents and not allowing landlords free rein."

A spokesman for West Lancashire Borough Council said: "From a planning and licensing perspective no irregularities have taken place. The property doesn't need a HMO licence, and therefore hasn't been granted one.

"The new system would allow local residents to lodge an appeal against a planning approval given by the council.

"This particular application was refused by the council, as the proposal was deemed contrary to its Local Plan.

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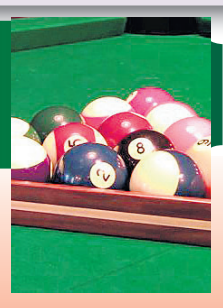

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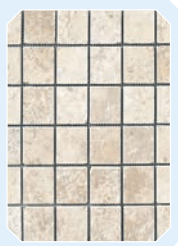

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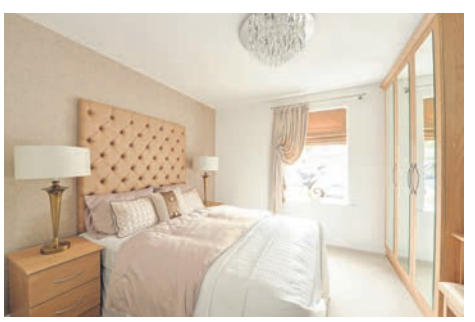

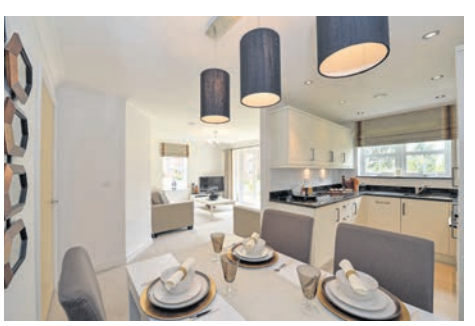

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Peter James said: "As a writer, all my characters begin in my mind. I flesh them out for the printed page. But nothing can compare to the joy of seeing them turn into real flesh and blood. We were blessed with both casts of The Perfect Murder and we are just as blessed now with the cast for Dead Simple. All of them are actors I really admire and respect, and to see them come together, for the first time, at the read–through of the play was a truly magical experience for me."

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Tina Hobley as Ashley Harper in Dead Simple Code NA

Emerald Isle to be celebrated at theatre

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PEOPLE will have the chance to celebrate the Emerald Isle at Southport Theatre.

Irish band The Fureys are to play at the venue on Saturday, March 21.

The group are renowned for their hit songs I will love you, When you were sweet 16, The Green fields of France, The old man, Red rose café, From Clare to here, Her father didn't like me anyway, Leaving Nancy, and Steal away.

The Fureys have been entertaining audiences worldwide for 37 years, audiences that have included former Australian Prime Minister John Howard, Former Irish President Mary McAleese and the late Pope John Paul while Tony Blair has publicly stated his favourite peace song of all time is the Fureys Green Fields of France. Recently Ireland President Michael D Higgins attended their concert in Dublin's National Concert Hall.

The band was formed in 1978 literally by accident. George, Paul and Davey were playing in Denmark with their own band called the Buskers and Eddie and Finbar, while touring in Germany were involved in a road accident. When George and Paul got news of the accident they immediately travelled to Germany to be with their brothers. They then decided that they should all be playing together and this was the start of the Fureys.

Inevitably changes have occurred over 30 years. Their brother Paul died suddenly in June 2002 and Finbar left the band in December 1996, however George and Eddie have continued to delight audiences on their tours and have just released a new CD The times they are a changing. More information at www.atgtickets.com/southport

One of world's premier young pianists to appear in borough

Report by
Henry James

ANNA Fedorova, one of the world's premier young pianists, will perform some of the greatest and most demanding Russian piano music at Douglas Music's concert on Saturday, March 7 at 7.45 pm in Parbold Village Hall.

From an early age, Anna demonstrated an innate musical maturity and astounding technical abilities. Her international concert career took off while she was only a child, and audiences around the world were stunned by the depth and power of her musical expression.

Critics have praised Anna's signature, "sweet modesty and wild expression," which rendered listeners "completely taken by surprise, compelled and astonished."

After winning numerous awards in Russia, America and Europe, her career has already taken her across the world to perform with some of the most famous conductors and orchestras. All acknowledge her talent and her musical maturity which is way beyond her years.

Her musical talent has been shown in her live performance of Rachmaninov's Second Piano concerto, which can be seen on You Tube and has attracted over two and a half million listeners.

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More information at www.parbolddouglasmusic.org, the telephone box office is 01257 498452.

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This play was 'well acted and entertaining'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

• Disposing Of The Body by Hugh Whitemore
• Southport Dramatic Club
• Southport Little Theatre

A SIMPLE tale of adultery. Ted Bullen stars as middle–aged nerd Henry who, forced into early retirement, moves from London to a country cottage with Angela, his wife of 20–odd years, (Kathy Felton–Aksoy) where they befriend their nearest neighbours, Alexander, a schoolteacher (Brendan Gillow) and his attractive wife, Joanna (Sarah Viali).

Joanna has lost her job as a secretary so Henry agrees to let her help catalogue his collection of old HMV records for a book he is writing. Henry is besotted with his new secretary. One thing leads to another, and, despite being an unlikely couple, she being 20 years younger, they are soon bang at it at every opportunity until...

Until Angela goes on a shopping trip and doesn't return.

Has she found out about the affair and left her cheating husband? Or did she challenge him about it and, in the frenzy that followed, has he killed her? And, if so, where has he hidden her body?

The most notable feature about the play is how different members of the cast address the audience between scenes, announcing or commentating on events like a newsreel. This means events move along at a fast pace as the scenes are mostly short and suitably in keeping with the short attention spans of the texting generation.

With Angela missing, recriminations start and everyone wants to take a share of the blame. Henry moves in with his sister Kate (Angela McIntyre) who feels she should have stopped his dalliance after he confided in her. His son Ben (Simon Hawkins) flies in from California but realises he has neglected his parents and can't wait to get back.

Both feel Angela's plight is somehow partly their fault.

Even Alexander, when is informed he has been cuckolded, feels he is responsible, for not realising what was happening

Their guilt is nothing, though, compared with that of Henry and his floosie.

In fact, the only person on view without guilt is Basset (Pete Slater), the manager of the hotel where Henry, using an assumed name, enjoyed an assignation with Jo, the details of which Basset, a martial arts expert, passes onto the police.

And amidst all this earnest soul searching steps Inspector Poole (David Davies), an ex–philosophy student (which might explain why he wears a bow tie on the job) who seems to regard the affair as a moral lapse rather than a potentially serious crime.

This is an absorbing play, well directed by Celia Timmington who also designed a clever set, constructed on two levels, thus allowing the action to move seamlessly between three different locations.

The tension keeps up right until the totally unexpected ending. Disposing of the Body will provoke much discussion about the morality of fidelity and the wisdom or otherwise of onlookers keeping silent.

Star Rating 8 out of 10. Thought provoking, well acted and entertaining.

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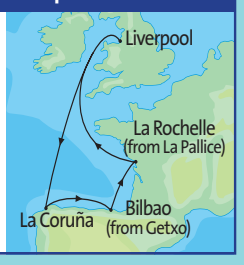

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Jones Gordon William

Passed away 6th February

Aged 84

Eileen and family would like to thank all our friends and neighbours who came to say farewell to Gordon at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday 19th February and also for the lovely sympathy cards sent to Eileen, Philip and Alison. They were very much appreciated.

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DEATHS

Curtis Babsy

Wednesday 18th February 2015

aged 79 years.

Devoted husband of Yvonne, loving father of Alison and Annette. Joyful grandad to Chantelle, Rochelle, Sydney, Ronnie, Lloyd, Curtis and his great-grandchildren Belal and Malek. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 2nd March at 12:00 noon. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

DAVIES Diane Patricia

22nd February 2015 aged 57 years

Passed away peacefully at Woodlands Hospice

Devoted wife of Mike and wonderful mum to Louise and Megan

Will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and her furry sidekick Jake

Funeral will be held at 11.20am on the 2nd March at Thornton Crematorium

Family flowers only and donations if desired to Woodlands Hospice

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IN MEMORIAM

Derek Lowe

27th February 2014

We always had a lot to celebrate in February, St Valentines, our wedding anniversary. And the 16th, so special, your birthday.

But now we mark the 27th the day you passed away.

Love and miss you always
Brenda

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DEATHS

Paul Bagshaw

20th February 2015, aged 77 years

R.I.P

Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Willows Nursing Home

He will be greatly missed by family and many friends and colleagues throughout the North West and beyond. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 11.15am on Monday 2nd March followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice, c/o and all enquiries to Gibb Funeral Directors, Clarence Mews, 6a Clarence Road, Southport PR8 4BH.

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DEATHS

WILLIAMS Edwin (Eddie)

15.02.2015

Passed away peacefully at Courtfield Lodge Nursing Home, Ormskirk on Sunday 15th February, aged 87 years.

Dearly loved husband of Elsie, much loved father of Lynette, Stephanie and David and father-in-law of Malc, Les and Caroline. Loved grandad of Gemma, Matthew, Abaigael, Phoebe and Oliver and loved great-grandad of Isabel and Eleanor. Funeral will be held at 2pm on Monday 2nd March at Southport Crematorium. No flowers please but donations welcome for The Alzheimers Society.

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18th February 2015

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Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager
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[Ref: LHS/BS/08/084/HD]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0088/FUL Erection of detached dwelling (amendment to previously approved to include side dormer window) at Land Between 1 And 5, The Gravel, Mere Brow, Tarleton.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2015/0120/WL3 Reserved Matters - Erection of 11 industrial units B1 and B8 usage (including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) at 18 - 24 Gorsey Place, Skelmersdale.

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Application No: 2015/0114/COU Change of use from Class A1 to mixed use of Class A1 and A3 including outside seating area and associated works at 10 Moor Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2015/0119/FUL* Replacement of timber windows to front, and rear of property at 25 Briars Brook, Lathom.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
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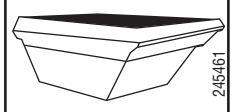
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Just last week, for instance, one of the world's biggest car makers launched a limousine perfect for you to stretch your legs while plotting world domination. In the back, there's 157mm of legroom – more than twice the amount any of its rivals offer – and it's got more room for your head and elbows too.

The air conditioning system is split into three different zones across the car, and if that's not enough you can get an electrically–operated, tilting panoramic sunroof as an optional extra. If it gets cold, the windscreen AND the windscreen washer jets are heated to make sure your chauffeur never gets a frosty reception, and he'll never need fidget with a boot lid because that's electrically operated too.

You'll have to agree this is a fine compliment of luxuries, and that's before I introduce you to the little umbrellas hidden in each of the rear doors so you never get wet when you go shopping.

The new Skoda Superb is one of the quiet heroes of the motoring world because it's a luxury car the 99 per cent can enjoy owning. Unlike the Hyundai Genesis I mentioned the other week, it's not attempting to march in on BMW and Mercedes territory with a similarly–priced offering. Nope, the Superb's party trick is giving you all the important things you'd want in a luxury car – first class legroom and some gadgets to play with – for a fraction of the price.

The New Skoda Superb has all the same luxuries as a Mercedes–Maybach

It's a pity its astonishing amounts of legroom, boot space and value for money means you're most likely to experience the Superb when you get a ride home with your mates in one on a Friday night.

The Superb is offering up a lot of motor for the money. It's Learjet luxury for EasyJet earnings.

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Report by **David Simister**

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		APR	0%

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Amount Financed	£13140	APR	0%

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Finance Example:			
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Customer Deposit	£249	Total Charge for Credit	£0
Deposit We Pay	£500	Total Amount Payable	£15689
Amount Financed	£14940	APR	0%

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Deposit We Pay	£1200	Total Amount Payable	£16389
Amount Financed	£14940	APR	0%

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Customer Deposit	£269	Total Charge for Credit	£0
Amount Financed	£16140	Total Amount Payable	£16409
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Finance Example:			
Vehicle Price	£17629	60 x Monthly Payments	£289
Customer Deposit	£289	Total Charge for Credit	£0
Amount Financed	£17340	Total Amount Payable	£17629
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• Alloys
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• Alloys
• Air Con
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• Air Con
• FSH
• Alloys

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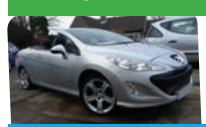

• 28000 Miles
• Alloys
• Air Con
• FSH

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• Alloys
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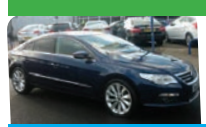

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• Alloys
• Priv Glass
• 43000 Miles

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• 59000 Miles
• FSH
• Priv Glass

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• Alloys

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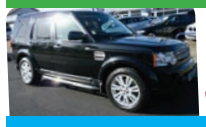

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Cash Price..... £7,140
Deposit..... £0
60 Monthly Payments of... £119
Interest Charges..... 0%
Total Amount Payable..... £7,140
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Deposit..... £0
60 Monthly Payments of... £129
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Total Amount Payable..... £7,740
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61 PLATE

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Cash Price..... £7,740
Deposit..... £0
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Deposit..... £0
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Interest Charges..... 0%
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MAZDA 2

61 PLATE

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ONLY PER MONTH £149

Cash Price..... £8,940
Deposit..... £0
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Interest Charges..... 0%
Total Amount Payable..... £8,940
0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

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61 PLATE

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Deposit..... £0
60 Monthly Payments of... £149
Interest Charges..... 0%
Total Amount Payable..... £8,940
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5 YEARS 0% FINANCE NO DEPOSIT NO INTEREST

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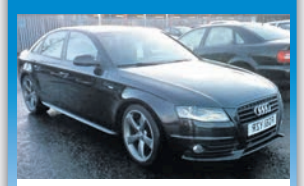

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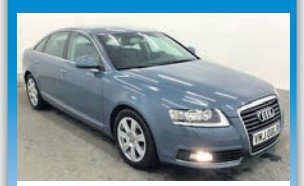

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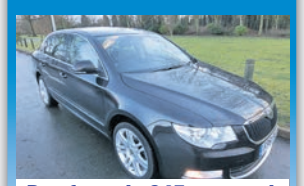

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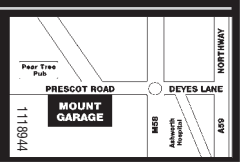

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ST JAMES Catholic Primary School in Skelmersdale has been presented with the Sainsbury's School Games Mark Bronze Award for "their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport."

The school in Ashurst Road offers pupils a wide range of opportunities with a number of sports clubs.

They also take part in a number of competitions throughout the year including basketball, football, athletics, swimming galas, tag rugby and cross country.

Linnets fans' group end financial backing for club over dispute with owner

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Keith Forshaw added: "I have watched Burscough for 50 years and given up countless hours to help raise more than £50,000 to help fund the club.

"BISA wouldn't be in a position to make these financial donations without the fantastic support of the community, especially members of our Linnet Line Lottery.

"As custodians of these funds BISA feel it is morally wrong to finance the club with community money with loyal supporters being treated this way." The pair also raised concerns that local business advertising boards have been removed at the grounds and said that the supporters' club shop was given 21 days' notice to close.

Mr Forshaw added: "Mr Gilchrist has shown no gratitude for the financial support this community has given Burscough FC.

"Victoria Park was paid for by the people of the village and I was always led to believe a covenant was in place stating it could only be used for recreational purposes and safeguarded by trustees.

"How can a piece of land be sold when no individual or persons own it? This should be a concern for everyone."

Club chairman, Mike Swift, told the Champion: "I am not prepared to comment on individuals and I am not going to discuss the behaviours of individuals.

"Burscough FC is not going to do its business through the columns of your newspaper.

"We are looking forward to the next Burscough Parish Council meeting and look forward to developing Victoria Park."

• After no match last weekend Burscough are back in action on Saturday with a league game away to Brighouse Town with a 3pm kick off.

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Honours even after classic encounter

Skelmersdale United 1
King's Lynn Town 1

SOMETIMES you don't need lots of goals to bring a great game and the crowd at Stormy Corner were treated to a magnificent encounter, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Two teams had attacking endeavour from start to finish, one world class goal, another very good one, a save from each goalkeeper that would make Gordon Banks proud, and the result in doubt until the very last kick.

All finished off by two smiling managers who patted each other on the back and headed off for a post–match pint together.

Skelmersdale went close early on when Dan Mitchley slipped his marker with the ball at his feet and was only kept out by a brave dive at his feet by King's Lynn goalkeeper Alex Street.

Ninety seconds later came the goal of the game. A throw–in and an exchange of headers saw the ball drop to Lynn's Sam Mulready. As the ball sat up for him he lashed a dipping shot from 30 yards over goalkeeper Steve James and into the net.

The visitors almost made it two when Peter Winn won the ball on the halfway line and when 25 yards from goal, hit a vicious swirling left–footer that somehow James got his finger–tips to and turned the ball onto his crossbar. Pacy youngster Ben Tollitt was causing the Lynn defence a problems and a cultured 40 yard chip from Valtar Fernandes gave Mitchley a chance but his volley went over the crossbar.

West Recycling Man of the Match central defender Rob McIntosh in action. Picture by Jackson Images.

Shortly before half–time Street made his best save of the half to palm a Kenny Strickland shot wide.

The game sprung to life again on the hour mark when James saved a low shot from Winn, then down the other end Scott Bakkor was fractionally beaten to the ball by Street.

Skelmersdale levelled when Fernandes crossed, Mitchley won his tussle with Ryan Fryatt in the middle and let the ball run to Tollitt in space, the left–winger rifled a shot inside Street's right–hand post.

Two minutes later a Shaun Holden cross from the line was met by a textbook overhead volley by Mitchley. Street flung himself to his right and the save was breathtaking.

Later on Tollitt drilled another shot wide before King's Lynn's Ross Watson fired across the face of goal.

By the end, two tired teams had done plenty to justify a hard earned point. The only losers were those who didn't go to the match.

Lawson looking to build on away record

Skelmersdale United manager Tommy Lawson takes his team on a trip down to Leicestershire on Saturday, when Skelmersdale have only a second ever fixture at Barwell.

Lawson's team have the best win away record in the Evo–Stik Premier Division and will be looking for all three points in their hunt for promotion, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.* **Barwell sit in the tenth position in the table 15 points behind Skelmersdale but have a decent home record, winning nine out of 16 homes games. They also won at Skelmersdale earlier in the season, but the architect of that victory a huge centre–forward called Luke Barlone has since left Barwell, so the Skem defence will not have him to contend with.**

Midfielder Tom Ince's season is probably over as the knee injury he picked up at Stamford in October has not responded to physiotherapy since a cartledge operation and he may need further surgery.

Goalkeeper Martin Fearon will not be back until at least March, so the loan of Preston North End keeper Steve James for has been extended another month.

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